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Policeman in Jackson, Miss., guarding arrested members of a black separatist group, the Republic of New Africa

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# Black Separtists Raided in Jackson, Miss.; 2 Policemen

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## Wounded

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 18 — Two Jackson policemen were in critical condition and an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was in fair condition after a gunfight early today between the police and members of a black separatist organization.

The 20-minute gunfight occurred shortly after sunrise when the police raided the headquarters of the Republic of New Africa to serve fugitive warrants on three members of the organization.

Fifteen policemen and 14 F.B.I. agents, using the city's armored vehicle, exchanged dozens of shots with seven occupants of the house.

**2 Bombs Found**

The police said two bombs were found inside the house. A demolition team from nearby Camp Shelby disarmed one of the devices in the house, and the other one was removed to be destroyed, according to the police.

The officers also reported that the front door of the house had a booby trap that was set to explode when the door was opened. And they said they found "a Vietcong-type bunker and a tunnel with firing ports" in back of the house.

The raid occurred only six blocks from Jackson State College, where two black students were killed on May 19, 1970, by city and state highway policemen.

Police Lieut. Louis Skinner was shot in the head and Patrolman Billy Crowell lost an arm in the gunfight today. The F.B.I. agent, William Stringer, was wounded in a leg. None of the blacks was injured.

**Federal And State Charges**

The seven occupants of the house were flushed out with tear gas and were arrested on Federal and state charges of assault with intent to murder. Federal bond was set at $25,000; the state set no bond.

Four other members of the Republic of New Africa were arrested in a house a few blocks away. These included Imari Obadele of Detroit, also known as Richard Henry, founder and leader of the organization.

The seven arrested at the organization's headquarters were Toni R. Austin, 21 years old, of Salem, N. J.; Ann Lockhart, 24, of Macon, Ga.; Thomas E. Norman, 26, of Charlotte, N. C.; Larry Jackson, 19, of Bagaloosa, La.; Dennis P. Schillingford, 22, of River Rouge, Mich.; Robert C. Stalling, of Duluth, Minn.; and Wayne M. James, 22, of Mount Holly, N. J.

Those arrested with Mr. Obadele were George L. Matthews, 26, of Alabana; Aishaa Salim, 24, and S. W. Alexander, 22, of New Orleans.

**Tear Gas Attack**

Elmer Lindberg, agent-in-charge of the Jackson F.B.I., said that the officers ordered the occupants to come out of the house at about 6 A.M. The officers opened fire with tear gas "after a reasonable period of no reply," he said, adding that the occupants returned the tear gas fire with bullets.

The incident was the latest in a continuing battle between the Mississippi authorities and the Republic of New Africa. The black group moved from Detroit last fall, first to New Orleans and then to Jackson, to press its demands that the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina be turned over to blacks as "reparation" for the oppression of blacks.